

TRANSPORTATION ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS

Acronym	Description
3-C Process	Continuing, Cooperative, Comprehensive – Generally used to defining qualities of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) planning process.
4-R	Resurfacing, Restoration, Rehabilitation, Reconstruction

A

AA	Alternative Analysis – A process for evaluating alternative methods to address transportation needs in a region.
AADT	Average Annual Daily Traffic – The total traffic for a year divided by 365.
AADTT	Average Annual Daily Truck Traffic
AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
ACCM	Advanced Construction Congestion Mitigation
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADT	Average Daily Traffic
AMPO	Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations
APA	American Planning Association – National organization of professional planners; focus includes planning policy, lobbying and public information.
APS	Accessible Pedestrian Signal
APWA	American Public Works Association
ASCE	American Society of Civil Engineers

B

B/C Ratio	Benefit/Cost Ratio – Benefit/Cost Ratio is used to compare the benefit versus the cost of proposed alternatives. For highway projects, benefits may include reduced fuel consumption, travel time, and air pollution; cost may include construction, right-of-way, and maintenance.
BEBR	Bureau of Economic and Business Research (University of Florida)
BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics
BPAC	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee
BRP	Bridge Rehab Funds (state)
BRT	Bus Rapid Transit
BTS	Bureau of Transportation Statistics

C

CAC	Citizens' Advisory Committee – Advisory committee utilized by most metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) for citizen input into the transportation planning process.
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CDD	Community Development District
CEI	Construction, Engineering and Inspection
CFMPOA	Central Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Alliance
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations – Compilation of the rules of the executive department and agencies of the federal government.
CFRPM	Central Florida Regional Planning Model
CIE	Capital Improvements Element
CIP	Corridor Improvement Program
CMA	Critical Movement Analysis – For signalized intersections, CMA focuses on lane groups or movements which control signal requirements. CMA focuses on the identification and provision of capacity for such flows called critical movements. CMA is also used in capacity analysis.
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality – A special provision of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) that directs funds towards projects in Clean Air Act Non-Attainment areas for ozone and carbon monoxide.
CMP	Congestion Management Process
CMPWG	Congestion Management Process Working Group
CMS	Congestion Management System – A systematic process which provides information on transportation system performance and alternative strategies to alleviate congestion and enhance the mobility of persons and goods. A CMS includes methods to monitor and evaluate performance, identify alternative actions, access and implement cost-effective actions, and evaluate the effectiveness of implemented actions.
COOP	Continuity of Operations Plan
CRA	Community Redevelopment Agency
CSAP	Community Safety Action Plan
CST	Construction Project Phase
CTC	Community Transportation Coordinator – People contracted by the Transportation Disadvantaged Commission to provide complete, cost-effective and efficient transportation services to transportation disadvantaged (TD) persons.
CTE	City/County Traffic Engineer
CTST	Community Traffic Safety Teams
CUTR	Center for Urban Transportation and Research
CY	Calendar Year

D

DBE	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
DCA	Department of Community Affairs – Now called the Department of Economic Opportunity
DDR	District Dedicated Revenue
DEIS	Draft Environmental Impact Statement
DEO	Department of Economic Opportunity
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection
DES	Design

DHSMV	Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
DIH	Designated In-House funds
DOT	Department of Transportation – Agency responsible for transportation at the local, state or federal level.
DRI	Developments of Regional Impact

E

EA	Environmental Assessment – A document that assesses an action that is not a categorical exclusion and does not clearly require the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS), or where the Federal Highway Administration believes an environmental assessment would assist in determining the need for an EIS.
EB	Equity Bonus funds
ECFRPC	East Central Florida Regional Planning Council
ECRRT	East Central Regional Rail Trail
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ENV	Environmental Phase
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency – A federal agency charged with protecting the natural resources in the nation.
ERAU	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
ETDM	Efficient Transportation Decision Making

F

FAA	Federal Aviation Association – A federal entity responsible for overseeing air commerce, air traffic control, noise abatement, and other related issues.
FAHP	Federal Aid Highway Program
FAST Act	Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act
FCARD	Flagler County Association for Responsible Development – A non-profit association of Central Florida professionals who work in all aspects of land development.
FCTD	Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged
FDEP	Federal Department of Environmental Protection
FDHSMV	Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
International Speedway Boulevard (ISB)	Florida Department of Transportation
FEC	Florida East Coast Railroad
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Administration – Administers of the Federal Emergency Management Act.
FGTF	Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation
FHP	Florida Highway Patrol
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration

FPTA	Florida Public Transit Association
FR	Federal Register
FS	Florida Statutes
FSUTMS	Florida Standard Urban Transportation Modeling Structure
FTA	Federal Transit Administration – The FTA operates under the authority of the Federal Transit Act. The FTA was established as a component of the US Department of Transportation.
FTC	Florida Transportation Commission
FTE	Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise
FTP	Florida Transportation Plan
FTP	File Transfer Protocol
FY	Fiscal Year

G

GIS	Geographic Information System
GPC	General Planning Consultant
GPS	Global Positioning System
GPS	General Planning Studies
GMSC	Growth Management Subcommittee

H

HOV	High Occupancy Vehicle – Vehicles having more than one occupant. Examples include carpools, vanpools, buses, and mini-buses. Transportation systems may encourage HOV use by having designated HOV lanes.
SP	Highway Safety Improvement Program
HSR	High Speed Rail – A railway system which can transport people or goods at speeds in excess of 125 miles per hour.
HSRC	Highway Safety Research Center
HTF	National Highway Trust Fund

I

I/C	Interchange
ICAR	Intergovernmental Coordination and Review
IF	Impact Fees
International Speedway Boulevard (ISB)	Interstate Highway System
IJR	Interchange Justification Report
IMS	Intermodal Management System – Systematic process to improve the coordination in planning and implementation of air, water, and land-based transportation facilities and services; required for transportation facilities connected to the National Highway

	System (NHS) as a part of ISTEA; must be in use by October 1, 1997; for non-NHS transportation facilities, the extent of an IMS is left to the discretion of state and local officials.
International Speedway Boulevard (International Speedway Boulevard (ISB))	International Speedway Boulevard
ISTEA	Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991
ITE	Institute of Transportation Engineers – An international society of professionals in transportation and traffic engineering; published Trip Generation (a manual of trip generation rates by land use type).
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems – program that endeavors to provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity, and preserves the quality of our environment and communities.

J

JPA	Joint Participation Agreement – Legal instrument describing intergovernmental tasks to be accomplished and/or funds to be paid between government agencies. (Contract)
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L

LAP	Local Agency Program
LEP	Limited English Proficiency
LI	Local Initiatives
LIDAR	Light Detection and Ranging
LOGT	Local Option Gas Tax
LOPP	List of Priority Projects
LOS	Level of Service – A qualitative assessment of a road’s operating condition; generally described using a scale of A (little congestion) to E/F (severe congestion).
Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)	Long Range Transportation Plan – A 20-year forecast plan required of state planning agencies and MPOs; must consider a wide range of social, environmental, energy, and economic factors in determining overall regional goals and consider how transportation can best meet these goals.
LRT	Light Rail Transit

M

MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st Century – Current Federal Transportation Bill adopted July 2012.
MOT	Maintenance of Traffic
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPA	Metropolitan Planning Area – The geographic area within which the metropolitan transportation planning process is carried out.
MPOAC	Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council – An advisory council (consisting of one member from each MPO) that serves as the principal forum for collective policy discussion in urban areas;

	created by law to assist the MPOs in carrying out the urbanized area transportation planning process.
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area
MUTCD	Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

N

NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act - Federal law passed in 1969 which requires an analysis of environmental impacts of federal actions (including the funding of projects).
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NHS	National Highway System – The NHS is one of the three major components of the 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act. A major new Federal-Aid system was established in the NHS. It includes the Interstate System, other routes identified as having strategic defense characteristics, routes providing access to major ports, airports, public transportation and intermodal transportation facilities, and many principal urban and rural arterials which provide regional service.
NHTSA	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NTS	National Transportation System – An intermodal system consisting of all forms of transportation in a unified, interconnected manner to reduce energy consumptions and air pollution while promoting economic development and supporting the Nation's preeminent position in international commerce. The NTS includes the National Highway System, public transportation and access to ports and airports.
NTSB	National Transportation Safety Board

O

OA	Obligational Authority
OGT	Office of Greenways & Trails
OPP	Office of Policy & Planning
OTTED	Office of Tourism, Trade & Economic Development

P

P&R	Park and Ride
PAS	Principal Arterial System
PD&E	Project Development and Environmental Study
PE	Preliminary Engineering
PIP/PPP	Public Involvement/Participation Plan
PL	Planning Funds
PRSC	Project Review Subcommittee
PSA	Public Service Announcement
PSAP	Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

Q

QAC	Quality Assurance Committee
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R

RFP	Request for Proposal
RFQ	Request for Qualifications
RITSA	Regional Intelligent Transportation System Architecture
RMLO	Records Management Liaison Office
ROW	Right of Way - The land (usually a strip) acquired for or devoted to transportation purposes.
RPC	Regional Planning Council - A multipurpose organization composed of representatives of local governments and appointed representatives from the geographic area covered by the council, and designated as the primary organization to address problems and plan solutions that are of greater than local concern or scope.
RRFB	Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon
RTCA	Regional Trails Corridor Assessment

S

SAFETEA-LU	The "Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users" – Federal Transportation Bill that was adopted in August 2005; Replaced in July 2012 by MAP-21.
SE	Surface Enhancement funds
SCE	Socio-cultural Effects
SHS	State Highway System
SIS	Strategic Intermodal System
SJRWMD	St. Johns River Water Management District
SOV	Single Occupancy Vehicle
SRTS	Safe Routes To School
STBGP	Surface Transportation Block Grant Program
STIP	Statewide Transportation Improvement Program The official statewide, intermodal transportation plan that is developed through the statewide planning process.
STP	Surface Transportation Program – A new block grant type program established as one of the three major components of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act to supplement the National Highway System (NHS). The STP may be used by states and localities for any roads, including NHS, that are not functionally classified as local or rural minor collectors. These roads are now collectively referred to as Federal-aid roads.
STTF	State Transportation Trust Fund
SU	Urban Attributable Funding
SUN Trails	Shared-use, nonmotorized Trails

T

TAC	Transportation Advisory Committee/Technical Advisory Committee
TAM	Transit Asset Management
TAP	Transportation Alternative Program
TAZ	Traffic or Travel Analysis Zone
TPO	Technical Coordinating Committee
TCEA	Transportation Concurrency Exception Area – A specific geographic area where transportation concurrency requirements do not apply; area must be designated in a local comprehensive plan.
TD	Transportation Disadvantaged – People who are unable to transport themselves or to purchase transportation due to disability, income status or age.
TDDG	Transit Development Design Guidelines
TDLCB	Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board
TDM	Transportation Demand Management – Strategies to reduce peak period congestion which focus on managing travel demand; includes shifting solo drives to carpools or transit, staggered work hours, telecommuting and other similar concepts.
TDP	Transit Development Plan – A short term (5 years) plan that identifies the intended development of transit, including equipment purchase, system management and operation.
TDSP	Transit Disadvantaged Service Plan
TDTF	Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund
TTF	Transportation Trust Fund
TEA-21	Transportation Equity Act for the 21 st Century – Federal Transportation Law in effect from 1997-2005
TF	Transportation Fund
TIA	Transportation Impact Analysis
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program – The TIP is a staged, three-to-five-year prioritized program of transportation projects covering a metropolitan planning area which is consistent with the metropolitan transportation plan.
TMA	Transportation Management Area – An urbanized area with a population over 200,000 (as determined by the latest decennial census) or other area when TMA designation is requested by the Governor and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and officially designated by the metropolitan planning area served by an MPO within which the TMA is located.
TOD	Transit-Oriented Development – A mixed use community or neighborhood designed to encourage transit use and pedestrian activity.
TPM	Transportation Performance Measures
TPO	Transportation Planning Organization – An association of local agencies established for mutual benefit to help coordinate planning and development activities within a metropolitan region. Establishment of the TPO is required by law in urban areas with populations over 50,000 if federal funds are to be used. The TPO is not a level of government. However, the TPO has “effective control” over transportation improvements within the area since a project must be a part of the TPO’s adopted plan in order to receive federal funding.
TPS	Transportation Planning Studies
TRIP	Transportation Regional Incentive Program
TSMO	Transportation Systems Management & Operations

U

UA	Urban Area
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
US DOT	United States Department of Transportation
UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program – Official two-year budget of an MPO/TPO.
UZA	Census Urbanized Area

V

VCARD	Volusia County Association for Responsible Development – A non-profit association of Central Florida professionals who work in all aspects of land development.
VMT	Vehicle Miles Travelled

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XU	Extra Urban: Funds attributable to urbanized areas over 200,000 population
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